



# Trail Conditions Report

## KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

Updated: June 26, 2015

**Overall Conditions:** All trails should be snow free, except routes in alpine areas. Trail locations can be obscure in alpine areas. **Trails are becoming brushy and hard to follow in places. When in doubt, look for chainsaw cuts, flagging, and/or trail markers.**

**Advisory:** Trails in KBSP are rough, with steep grades in places, and in some cases only marked routes. It is advisable to add 1/3 to your average hiking time.

**Grewingk Creek Tram** is open and upgraded. It is difficult to use. We suggest a minimum of two people in party, one assisting by remaining on the platforms to pull on the rope, reversing process when first person across completes trip. Gloves are recommended.

Please practice LEAVE NO TRACE etiquette. **PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN!**

Report any problems, complaints to the Park Ranger @ 235-7024 or 262-5581, thank you.

**Announcement:** Numerous sows with cubs have been encountered along the Estuary and China Poot Lake Trails, and the Poot Peak area. Please use caution while hiking in these areas. Please keep dogs on a leash. These sows have shown signs of “stress” when encountered. Please report any negative encounters. **Please look at the additional pages also.**

China Poot Lake Trail:	Hike-able. A couple of trees down around Moose Valley Jct and along 2 Loon Lake
Estuary Trail:	Cleared of downed trees
Poot Peak Trail: North Route:	<b>Unmaintained.</b> Possible fallen trees across the trail and is very brushy
Poot Peak Trail: South Route:	Hike-able. Brushy conditions in the higher elevations.
Poot Peak Trail: Summit Route:	<b>Caution climbing up to the summit.</b> Route climbs up scree slope and there is a short climb to the actual summit. Rock is unstable near the summit.
Coalition Trail: (Between Halibut Cove Lagoon and China Poot Bay)	Cleared of deadfall
Coalition Loop Trail: (Between China Poot Bay and China Poot Lake)	<b>Trail is heavily overgrown. Not recommended to hike.</b> The spur trail down to China Poot Cr. Falls <b>DOES NOT EXIST ANYMORE. NOT RECOMMENDED TO HIKE TO FALLS.</b>
Moose Valley Trail:	Hike-able to Moose Valley PUC and campsite. <b>Btw. Moose Valley Campsite (mile 3) and Poot Peak Trail jct., many trees down and overgrown. Also, the bridge is out at mile 2.5, crossing Moose Valley Cr.</b>
Lagoon Trail:	<b>Not Cleared</b>
Goat Rope Trail:	<b>Not Cleared</b>
Alpine Ridge:	Cleared of deadfall. Brushy
Saddle Trail:	Cleared of deadfall. <b>Please see additional announcements for Saddle Re-Route Construction Updates.</b>
Glacier Lake Trail	Cleared of Deadfall.
Grewingk Tram Spur Trail:	Cleared of Deadfall.
Blue Ice Trail:	Hike-able. Brushy up near the tarn.
Emerald Lake Loop Trail:	Hike-able. A couple of downed trees along Foen Ridge and about 8 between Grewingk Lake and Emerald Lake. Brushy
Mallard/Emerald Conn. Trail:	<b>Not Cleared</b>
Mallard Bay Trail:	<b>Not Cleared</b>
Woznesenski River Trail:	<b>Not Cleared.</b> Except btw. China Poot Lake and Poot Peak, South Route jcts. Brushy.
Sadie Knob Trail:	Cleared of deadfall. Brushy in places
Grace Ridge Trail:	Hike-able. A few trees down on the south side.
Tutka Lake Trail:	Cleared of dead fall.
Tutka – Jakolof Trail:	<b>Not Cleared</b>



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### ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please be aware that the following organizations will be occupying the following beach campsites.

#### Homer Wilderness Leaders (HoWL)

- June 2-6 2015: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach
- August 3-7 2015: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach

#### Private Parties

- May 22-25 2015: Kachemak Crack/Left Beach Campsite.

### Trail Name Changes

**Grewingk Tram Spur Trail:** Replaces a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the junction of the Glacier Lake Trail to the Grewingk Tram

**Emerald Lake Loop Trail:** This trail replaces a portion of the Humpy Creek Trail from the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Grewingk Tram AND a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the Grewingk Tram to the Emerald Lake Trail junction near Grewingk Lake.

**Blue Ice Trail:** This trail replaces a portion of the Grewingk Glacier Trail from the junction of the Emerald Lake Trail to Grewingk Glacier or the end of the trail.

**Mallard/Emerald Connector Trail:** This trail replaces a portion of the Humpy Creek Trail from the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Mallard Lake Trail junction.

#### Grewingk Glacier Trail name has changed:

- From the Glacier Lake Trail junction to the Grewingk Tram is now the **Grewingk Tram Spur Trail**
- From the Grewingk Tram to the Emerald Lake Trail Junction is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From the Emerald Lake Trail junction to Grewingk Glacier is now the **Blue Ice Trail**

#### Humpy Creek Trail has changed:

- From Humpy Creek Trailhead to the Emerald Lake junction is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From Humpy creek Trailhead to the Grewingk Tram is now part of the **Emerald Lake Loop Trail**
- From the Emerald Lake Trail junction to the Mallard Bay trail junction is now the **Mallard/Emerald Connector Trail**



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### **SADDLE RE-ROUTE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Starting late May through the end of August, a trail construction crew will be clearing and beginning the construction of a new trail alignment for the Saddle Trail between the Lagoon Trail Junction and the Glacier Lake Trail junction. During this time the existing trail will be open for public use. However, the public can expect short delays throughout the summer during tree felling operations for the safety of all. We will update with information of trail delays as they become available.

### **HALIBUT COVE LAGOON PUBLIC DOCK**

**The Halibut Cove Lagoon Dock ramp and gangway will be closed to public use indefinitely.** The pilings supporting the dock and gangway were recently inspected and have been determined unstable. Access is available via the beach located to the east of the dock. **Please do not use the dock or gangway.**

Please keep the small beach at the bottom of the stairs clear of kayaks, canoes, and dinghies to allow for temporary boat landings, for off and on loading only. This is important especially at extreme high tides when there is very little beach to land on. A section of the Halibut Cove Lagoon Dock has been moved to just east of the stairs and beach. Please use this area for kayak and dinghy storage, not boats, since it goes dry at low tide.

**We will update with further information regarding the dock as it becomes available**